

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A charge-air cooler for motor vehicles comprising:

    a heat exchanger unit that includes tubes having tube ends and fins arranged between the tubes, and

a first header box arranged on one side of the tubes, wherein the first header box is configured to introduce a medium into the charge-air cooler, and a second header box arranged on another side of the tube, wherein the second head box is configured to discharge the medium from the charge-air cooler at least one laterally arranged header box configured to introduce or discharge a medium, wherein each the at least one header box has a bottom with openings for receiving the tube ends, a cover and an inlet or outlet connecting pipe,

wherein the header boxes are box is at least partially produced by internal high-pressure forming (IHF) of a metallic semifinished product,

wherein each header box includes a longitudinal bead that extends along at least a long axis of the at least one header box,

wherein the longitudinal bead of the first header box is configured such that a cross section of the first header box decreases as a distance from the inlet connecting pipe of the first header box increases,

wherein the longitudinal bead of the second header box is configured such that a cross section of the second header box increases as a distance to the outlet connecting pipe of the second header box decreases.

2. (Previously Presented) The charge-air cooler as claimed in claim 1, wherein only the cover is produced by IHF and is welded to the bottom.

3. (Previously Presented) The charge-air cooler as claimed in claim 2, wherein the semifinished product is a rolled aluminum sheet.

4. (Previously Presented) The charge-air cooler as claimed in claim 1, wherein only the cover and the bottom are produced as a single piece from a semifinished product by IHF and

are connected to the connecting pipe with a cohesive material joint, in particular are welded or soldered thereto.

5. (Previously Presented) The charge-air cooler as claimed in claim 1, the bottom, the cover and the connecting pipe are produced as a single piece by IHF.

6. (Previously Presented) The charge-air cooler as claimed in claim 4, wherein the semifinished product is an extruded aluminum tube.

7. (Previously Presented) The charge-air cooler as claimed in claim 5, wherein the connecting pipe is prebent before the IHF process.

8. (Previously Presented) The charge-air cooler as claimed in claim 1, wherein a part of the cover of the header box has a longitudinal bead produced by pressing from the outside and/or IHF from the inside.

9. (Currently Amended) A heat exchanger ~~a charge-air cooler~~ for motor vehicles, comprising:

a heat exchanger unit, that includes tubes having tube ends and fins arranged between the tubes, and

a first header box arranged on one side of the tubes, wherein the first header box is configured to introduce a medium into the charge-air cooler, and a second header box arranged on another side of the tube, wherein the second header box is configured to discharge the medium from the charge-air cooler at least one laterally arranged header box configured to introduce or discharge a medium, wherein each the at least one header box has a bottom with openings for receiving the tube ends, a cover and an inlet or outlet connecting pipe,

wherein the header ~~boxes are box~~ is at least partially produced by internal high-pressure forming (IHF) of a metallic semifinished product,

wherein a part of the cover of each [[the]] header box has a longitudinal bead produced by pressing from the outside and/or IHF from [[the]] inside,

wherein the longitudinal bead of each header box is of conical design and has a cross section which increases in a direction pointing away from a respective [[the]] connecting pipe of a respective header box while a cross-sectional area of the respective header box decreases,

wherein the longitudinal bead of the first header box is configured such that a cross section of the first header box decreases as a distance from the inlet connecting pipe of the first header box increases,

wherein the longitudinal bead of the second header box is configured such that a cross section of the second header box increases as a distance to the outlet connecting pipe of the second header box decreases.

10. (Previously Presented) The charge-air cooler as claimed in claim 1, wherein, after the IHF process, the header box has at least one open end surface which is closed by a cover.

11. (Previously Presented) The charge-air cooler as claimed in claim 4, wherein the openings in the bottom are produced by punching.

12. (Previously Presented) The charge-air cooler as claimed in claim 4, wherein the openings in the bottom are produced by prepunching before the IHF and/or by drawing through.

13. (Previously Presented) The charge-air cooler as claimed in claim 1, wherein the header box has a wall thickness which, at least in some regions, is greater than 2 mm.

14. (Previously Presented) The charge-air cooler as claimed in claim 1, wherein the header box has a wall thickness which, at least in some regions, is smaller than 5 mm.

15. (Previously Presented) The charge-air cooler as claimed in claim 1, wherein the bottom has a curvature which, at least in some regions, has a radius of curvature greater than 100 mm.

16. (Previously Presented) The charge-air cooler as claimed in claim 1, wherein the bottom has a curvature which, at least in some regions, has a radius of curvature smaller than 400 mm.

17. (Previously Presented) The charge-air cooler as claimed in claim 1, wherein the bottom in the transition region to the cover has a curvature which, at least in some regions, has a radius of curvature greater than 5 mm.
18. (Previously Presented) The charge-air cooler as claimed in claim 1, wherein the bottom in the transition region to the cover has a curvature which, at least in some regions, has a radius of curvature smaller than 20 mm.
19. (Previously Presented) The charge-air cooler as claimed in claim 1, wherein the header box, at least in some regions has a step- and/or kink-free cross section.
20. (Previously Presented) The charge-air cooler as claimed in claim 1, wherein a connecting pipe is designed as an end-side extension of the header box and is curved.
21. (Previously Presented) The charge-air cooler as claimed in claim 1, wherein the connecting pipe is arranged laterally on the header box.
22. (Previously Presented) The charge-air cooler as claimed in claim 4, wherein the cohesive material joint is a welded or soldered joint.
23. (Previously Presented) The charge-air cooler as claimed in claim 11, wherein the openings in the bottom are produced by punching counter to a hydraulic internal high pressure.
24. (Previously Presented) The charge-air cooler as claimed in claim 13, wherein the header box wall thickness is greater than 3 mm.
25. (Previously Presented) The charge-air cooler as claimed in claim 14, wherein the header box wall thickness is smaller than 4 mm.
26. (Previously Presented) The charge-air cooler as claimed in claim 15, wherein the bottom curvature, at least in some regions, has a radius of curvature greater than 200 mm.
27. (Previously Presented) The charge-air cooler as claimed in claim 16, wherein the bottom curvature, at least in some regions, has a radius of curvature smaller than 300 mm.

28. (Previously Presented) The charge-air cooler as claimed in claim 17, wherein the bottom curvature in the transition region to the cover, at least in some regions, has a radius of curvature greater than 10 mm.

29. (Previously Presented) The charge-air cooler as claimed in claim 18, wherein the bottom curvature in the transition region to the cover, at least in some regions, has a radius of curvature smaller than 15 mm.

30. (Canceled)

31. (Currently Amended) The charge-air cooler as claimed in claim 1 [[30]], wherein the longitudinal bead of each header box forms a depression in a surface of each the at least one header box.

32. (Canceled)

33. (Canceled)

34. (Previously Presented) The heat exchanger as claimed in claim 9, wherein the longitudinal bead extends along at least a long axis of the at least one header box.

35. (Previously Presented) The heat exchanger as claimed in claim 9, wherein the longitudinal bead forms a depression in a surface of the at least one header box.

36. (New) The charge-air cooler as claimed in claim 1, wherein the longitudinal bead has a conical or flattened design.

37. (New) The heat exchanger as claimed in claim 9, wherein the longitudinal bead has a conical or flattened design.

38. (New) A method of producing a heat exchanger comprising:

providing a semifinished product, and

using hydroforming to form the semifinished product into a header box comprising a longitudinal bead that extends along at least a long axis of the at least one header box such that a cross section of the header box decreases in area along the long axis of the header box.